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Dr. Gerard P. Kuiper
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Dear Doctor Kuiper:

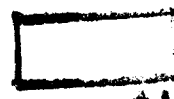
I was very pleased to be able to meet you at the last meeting at NASA even if it was only for a few words across the table. I hope some future occasions will give us more relaxed opportunity.

What I am writing about now is to request that you send some of your most persuasive propaganda material on the importance of ground based observatories in planetary science (with which I most enthusiastically concur) to Professor Howard S. Selfert, Department of Aeronautical Engineering, Stanford University, Stanford, California. Dr. Selfert, as you doubtless know, is also President of the American Rocket Society; he has also undertaken a task as chairman of a coordinating committee on space research for Stanford University and I feel is well worth some of our effort in educating on this important point. I am rather disappointed that Stanford does not now have a more impressive posture in observational astronomy and am hopeful that in due course something may be done to rectify this lack.

Yours cordially,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

P.S. This additional request may be an imposition but if you could take the trouble to help educate me, I would be most appreciative of such literature on planetary science as reprints of your papers that cannot readily be purchased and are not so easily found in a library in a medical school.



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